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NEW PROGRAM FOR MOROCCO

Newly appointed Resident General--France

Lacoste--arrived French Morocco 14 June.

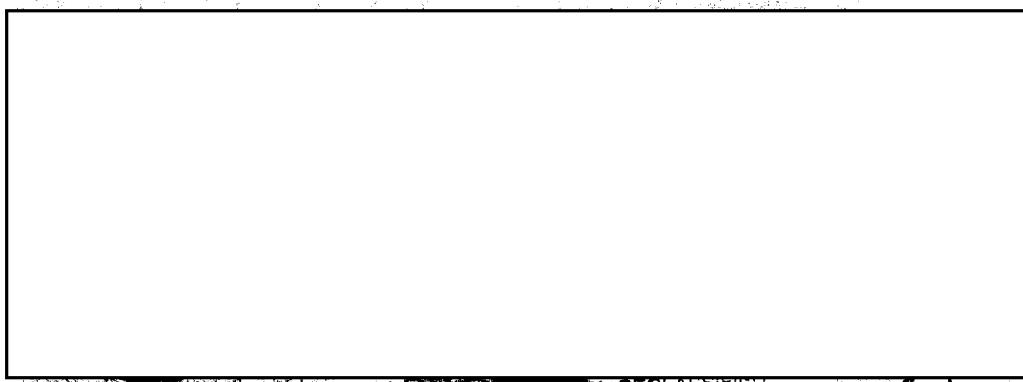
A. Lacoste inherits bitter legacy hate,

distrust left by two military predecessors

B. Appointment is Paris attempt re-establish
order, French-Moroccan co-operation after
9 months' anti-French terrorism.

C. Lacoste able career diplomat; long, wide
experience, including Morocco (number
two man French Residency 1947-1950,
under Marshal Juin).

D. Staunch advocate French position Morocco
but personally favors moderate policy:
intends "iron hand in silken glove."



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B. However, no change Sultan anticipated
near future.

C. Lacoste first steps include:

1. Conference some elements MOROCCAN
nationalists he invited Paris.

2. Proposal granting clemency national
political prisoners.

III. Prospects appear dim, since previous talks
indicate new, bold policy needed promote
real settlement.

A. Too vague--no specific concessions yet
indicated.

B. Fails specify final relationship of super
factor--both which primary ~~importance~~ ac
objectives.

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Issue of French role in local government

enforced on 30-50 basis by August 1963

reforms and immediate cause ouster

former sultan--remains major stumbling

bloc for both nationalists and French

settlers.

D. Return former sultan remains major
nationalist objective.

E. Meanwhile, local reaction initial

Lacoste proposals bitter both sides.

1. French veterans organization

Casablanca condemn Lacoste's alleged
amnesty plan and intent negotiate
with nationalists as "criminal and
treasonable."

2. On 12 June, veterans' office wrecked
by bombs.

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3. Massicot Berber, El Giacui, ~~and~~ anti-nationalist Dahir Warzhich and principal native engineer Saïdou's deposition hints that friends of France in Morocco will not give Lacoste confidence in his clemency to nationalists.
4. Nationalists in turn now expanding terrorism to include crop burning-- burned 115 acres grain in past week.
- F. American observers Morocco convinced drastic measures required to restore co-operation; agree minimum necessary:
 1. Replace sultan with someone acceptable Moroccans.
 2. Release nationalist prisoners, as only ones who command respect Moroccans.
 3. French negotiation with established nationalist leaders.

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